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In re Patent Application of:
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For: NUCLEIC ACID CONSTRUCT CONTAINING
FULLLENGTH GENOME OF HUMAN
HEPATITIS C VIRUS, RECOMBINANT
FULLLENGTH VIRUS GENOME-
REPLICATING CELLS HAVING THE NUCLEIC
ACID CONSTRUCT TRANSFERRED
THEREINTO AND METHOD OF PRODUCING
HEPATITIS C VIRUS PARTICLE

Examiner: Z. Lucas

AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION

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Madam:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

In response to the Office Action dated November 21, 2008, please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Sequence Listing begin on page 4 of this letter.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 5 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 11 of this paper.

An **Appendix** including the paper and electronic CRF copy of the Sequence Listing is attached following page 24 of this paper.